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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Application of:           Jawahar M. Gidwani  
U.S. Serial No.:                09/759,962  
Filed:                          January 12, 2001  
For:                            SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ANALYZING STRUCTURES  
                                  SUBJECTED TO CATASTROPHIC EVENTS  
Examiner:                      Thomas K. Pham  
TC/AU:                         2121  
Confirmation No.:             1684

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**REPLY**

Sir:

This reply is filed to respond to the Office Action dated May 5, 2004, the time for responding having been extended for three months. Please reconsider the application in view of the remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 7.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, Group Art Unit 2121 at (703) 872-9306 on November 5, 2004.

  
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